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## DIGEST

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HB No. 433

**Abstract:** Amends procedures relative to adjudication hearings for juveniles charged with a crime of violence to require that the hearing commence within 90 days of the appearance to answer the petition.

Present law (Chapter 5 of Title VII of the Children's Code) provides for the continued custody of a juvenile prior to adjudication.

Present law provides that if the child is continued in custody pursuant to present law, the adjudication hearing shall commence within 30 days of the appearance to answer the petition.

Present law provides a definition for "crime of violence".

Proposed law retains present law and provides that if the child is charged with a crime of violence as defined by present law and the child is in continued custody pursuant to present law, the adjudication hearing shall commence within 90 days of the appearance to answer the petition.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends Ch.C. Art. 877(A))